THE LITANIES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: WITH DEVOUT ACTS AND OTHER DEVOTIONS

In Honour of that SACRED MYSTERY.

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Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven

God the Son, &c.

AND OTHER

DEVOTIONS

God hidden in the Form of the Eucharist

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Perpetual Sacrifice,

Oblation,

Immaculate Lamb,

Mansion of purity, &c.

The LITANY *of the Bleſſed Sacrament.*

LORD have mercy on us.
Chriſt have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Chriſt hear us.
Chriſt graciouſly hear us.
God the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, *Have mercy on us.*
God the Holy Ghoſt, *Have mercy on us.*
Living Bread which came down from Heaven,
God hidden and Saviour,
Corn of the Elect,
Wine that maketh Virgins to ſpring forth,
Nouriſhing Bread, the Delight of Kings,
Perpetual Sacrifice,
Clean Oblation,
Immaculate Lamb,
Table moſt pure,
Hidden Manna,
Memorial of God's Wonders,
} *Have mercy on us.*

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Supersubstantial Bread,
Word made Flesh,
Thou who dwellest amongst us,
Holy Host,
Chalice of Benediction,
Mystery of Faith,
Most high and venerable Sacrament,
Sacrifice of all most Holy,
True Propitiation for the Living and the Dead,
Heavenly Preservative against Sin,
Miracle above all Miracles,
Most sacred Commemoration of our Lord's Passion,
Gift Transcending all Plenty,
Chief Memorial of the Divine Love,
Affluence of the Divine Fulness,
Medecine of Immortality,
Tremendous and life-giving Sacrament,
Bread by the Omnipotence of the Word made Flesh,
Unbloody Sacrifice,
The Food and the Giver,
Most sweet Banquet, assisted and served by Angels,
Sacrament of Piety,

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Bond of Charity,
Offerer and Offering,
Spiritual Sweetneſs taſted in its Source,
Refection of Holy Souls,
Viaticum of thoſe who die in the Lord,
Pledge of the Glory to come,
Be Merciful; Spare us, O Lord.
From an unworthy reception of thy ſacred Body and Blood.
From Concupiſcence of the Fleſh,
From Concupiſcence of the Eyes,
From the Pride of Life,
From all Occaſion of Sin,
By the deſire with which thou didſt deſire to eat this Paſch with thy Diſciples,
By the unparalleled Humility with which thou didſt waſh the feet of thy Diſciples,
By the moſt ardent Charity which moved thee to inſtitute this divine Sacrament,
By thy precious Blood which thou haſt left us on the Altar,
By the Five Wounds of this thy moſt ſacred Body which thou didſt receive for the love of us,

Hear us, O Lord.

O Lord, hear us.

That thou vouchsafe to preserve and increase in us a Faith, Reverence and Devotion towards this admirable Sacrament,

That thou vouchsafe, by a worthy Confession of our Sins, to lead us to a frequent use of the Eucharist,

That thou vouchsafe to deliver us from all Heresy, Infidelity, and Blindness of Heart,

That thou vouchsafe to make us partakers of the precious and heavenly Fruits of this Sacrament,

That thou vouchsafe to fortify us, at the hour of Death with this heavenly Viaticum,

We beseech thee to hear us.

Lamb of God (*as usual three times.*)

Jesus hear us.

Jesus graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who, under an admirable Sacrament, hast left us a perpetual Memorial of thy Passion, Grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred Mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that

that we may continually feel in our ſouls the fruits of thy Redemption, who liveſt, &c.

ACTS proper to be ſaid by devout Chriſtians, when they viſit the Bleſſed Sacrament.

ACT of Faith.

SWeet Jeſus, I firmly believe that thou art in Body and Soul hidden under the Euchariſtic Species, becauſe thou haſt revealed it.

ACT of Adoration.

Sweet Jeſus, I adore thee in this Myſtery with all the powers of my ſoul, and with all the affections of my heart.

ACT of Thankſgiving.

Sweet Saviour, I thank thee for the inſtitution of this Holy Sacrament, and for all the graces I have received through the ſame.

ACT of Love.

Sweet Saviour, I love thee with all my heart, in acknowledgement of the boundleſs

boundless love thou expresseſt for me upon this altar.

ACT of Reparation.

Sweet Jeſus, I moſt humbly beg pardon of thee for all the injuries which thou haſt received from me, and the reſt of mankind in this Myſtery of thy love. O that it were in my power to repair them by the effuſion of my blood!

ACT of Petition.

Sweet Saviour, pleaſe to grant me the grace of (*here name the grace you pray for*) Though unworthy, I hope thou wilt not deny me this favor, ſince thou haſt given me thyſelf without reſerve in this adorable Sacrament.

I adore thee, O Lord, in the moſt Holy Sacrament of the altar from the bottom of my heart, and with I could do it with all the humility and all the love with which thou art adored by angels and men.

Sweet Jeſus, our Saviour, forgive us all our Sins now and at the hour of our death, *Amen.*

All Praiſe and Glory to Jeſus Chriſt in the moſt Holy Sacrament of the altar.

When you come into the Chapel where the Bleſſed Sacrament is kept, kneel down, and ſay:

HAIL true Body, born of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary, which truly ſufferedſt, and wert offered on the Croſs for Mankind, whoſe Side being pierced with a Spear, yielded water and blood. O ſweet, O good Jeſus, Son of the eternal God, and the Son of the Bleſſed Virgin, have mercy on me, and vouchſafe that I may worthily receive thee at the Hour of my death. Amen.

I believe in thee, O ſupreme Truth:
I revere thee, immenſe Majeſty:
I adore thee, tremendous Power:
I bleſs thee, profuſe Benignity:
I hope in thee, eternal Felicity:
I love thee, incomprehenſible Goodneſs:
I glorify thee, moſt holy Deity:
I grieve from my very heart that I ever offended thee.

When the Bleſſed Sacrament is taken out of the Tabernacle, ſay:

O Saving Victim, pledge of love,
Who openeſt Heaven's gates above,
By hoſtile wars we are oppreſt,
Be thou our force, ſupport and reſt.
To God the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one,

Be endleſs praiſe: may he above
With life immortal crown our love.
Amen.

Soul of Chriſt, ſanctify me.
Body of Chriſt, ſave me.
Water iſſuing out of the Side of Chriſt, waſh me.
O good Jeſus, hear me.
Hide me within thy Wounds.
Suffer me not to be ſeparated from thee.
Defend me from the malignant Enemy: and command me to come to thee,
That with thy Saints I may praiſe thee for all Eternity. Amen.

At the ſolemn Benediction, ſay

The HYMN.

SING, O my Tongue, adore & praiſe,
The depth of God's myſterious ways:
How Chriſt the world's great King beſtow'd
His fleſh conceal'd in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid,
The ranſom for the ſouls he made.
Giv'n from above, and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life he began:
He liv'd on earth, and preach'd to ſow
The ſeeds of heav'nly truth below;
Then ſeal'd his miſſion from above
With ſtrange effects of power and love.
'Twas on that ev'ning, when the laſt
And moſt myſterious ſupper paſt;

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When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meats;
Then to the twelve himself bestow'd
With his own hands to be their food.

The word made flesh for love of man
By his word turns bread to flesh again;
And wine to blood, unseen by sense,
By virtue of omnipotence:
And here the faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch, and faith insure.

Tantum ergo.

TO this mysterious table now [bow:
Our knees, our hearts, and sense we
Let ancient rites resign their place
To nobler elements of grace;
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.

To God the Father born of none,
To Christ his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, one equal praise:
One honour, jubilee and fame,
For ever bless his glorious name. Amen.

When the sacred Host is elevated, bow down, and adore the sacred Humanity of Christ, really and truly present in the adorable Sacrament, and say:

Hail Salvation of the World, Word of the Father, sacred Host, true Life, live Flesh, whole Deity, true Man, Bo-

dy of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, O God, who haſt made me out of the ſlime of the earth, have mercy on me a ſinner. Amen.

After Benediction adore the ſacred Heart of Jeſus.

O ſacred Heart of Jeſus, overflowing with ſweetneſs! To thee I recommend myſelf, and all my concerns, my Friends, Benefactors, Parents and Relations, my Superiors and Enemies: O take under thy protection this Houſe, Family, and Congregation, and this Kingdom; Extend thy care to all ſuch as lie under any affliction, and to thoſe who labour in the agony and pangs of death: Caſt an eye of compaſſion on the obſtinate ſinner, and more particularly on the poor ſouls in Purgatory. Bleſs them, O bountiful Heart of Jeſus, and bleſs them according to the extent of thy goodneſs, mercy, and charity. Amen.

O moſt ſacred Heart of Jeſus, have mercy on me.

O Divine Heart, wounded for love of us, let us ever be ſenſible of thy bounty, and let thy love ever plead in our favour.

O Heart of Jeſus, burning with the love of us, inflame our hearts with the love of thee!

Bleſſed be the moſt adorable Heart of Jeſus my God for ever and ever!

No love, no heart equals thine, moſt loving Jeſus.

O may thy adorable Heart be for ever praiſed, and all thanks both in time and eternity paid to it!

O adorable Heart of Jeſus, Mayſt thou be known, loved and adored throughout the whole world!

O divine fire, ever burning and never ceaſing, raiſe my heart into a Flame, that I may always love, and never ceaſe from loving thee.

A prayer to be made ſome days before Communion.

O Jeſus, my Saviour, and my God, I deſire to approach unto thy Sacred Table, and to receive thee. Vouchſafe to prepare a habitation in my heart worthy of Thyſelf. Purify my Soul, break the bonds that keep me tied unto Sin; deliver me from the world and from every thing that diſpleaſes thee. Permit me not to preſent myſelf before thy Divine Majeſty without the wedding garment of a pure Soul. Make me live in temperance, juſtice and piety, expecting the happy moment in which I ſhall receive thee.

Short Affections before and after Communion, and proper to be made at any time.

Before Communion.

BEHOLD the Bridegroom cometh! go ye forth to meet him.

Behold thy king cometh to thee meek,

Yea Lord, I have believed that thou art Chriſt the Son of the living God, who art come into this world.

What is man that thou art mindful of him! or the Son of man that thou viſiteſt him?

Lord, I am not worthy that thou ſhouldſt enter under my roof!

Lord, to whom ſhall we go? Thou haſt the words of eternal life!

Behold God is my Saviour, I will deal confidently and will not feare, becauſe the Lord is my Strength, and my praiſe, and he is become my Salvation.

As the Hart panteth after the fountains of Waters, ſo my Soul panteth after thee O God!

My Soul hath thirſted after the ſtrong living God.

When ſhall I come and appear before the face of God?

My heart hath ſaid to thee, my face hath ſought thee; thy face, O Lord, will I ſtill ſeek

I ſtreched forth my hands to thee: my Soul is as earth without water, unto thee; hear me ſpeedily, O God, my ſpirit hath fainted away.

For what have I in Heaven? and beſides thee what do I deſire upon earth? For thee my fleſh and my heart hath

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fainted away: thou art the God of my heart and the God that is my portion for ever.---Come Lord Jeſus.

After Communion.

Verily thou art a hidden God the God of Iſrael, the Saviour---The deſired of all nations---The Lamb of God who taketh away the Sins of the world---The brightneſs of eternal light, and the unſpotted mirrour of God's Majeſty---The image of his Goodneſs---The brightneſs of his glory, and the Figure of his Subſtance---My Lord and my God!--- Lord, behold he whom thou loveſt, is ſick---Heal my Soul, for I have ſinned againſt thee---Say to my Soul, I am thy Salvation---This is my reſt for ever and ever: here will I dwell, for I have choſen it---Speak O Lord, for thy Servant heareth---My Son, Give me thy heart---I love them that love me, and they that in the morning early watch for me, ſhall find me---With me are riches and glory, glorious riches and juſtice. I walk in the way of juſtice, in the midſt of the paths of Judgment, that I may enrich them that love me, and may fill their treaſures---But it is good for me to ſtick cloſe to my God, to put my hope in the Lord God---My Soul hath ſtuck cloſe to thee: thy right hand hath received me---I live now not I, but Chriſt liveth

liveth in me---I live in the Faith of the Son of God, who loved me and delivered himself for me---Benediction and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, honour and power, and strength, to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

It is earnestly recommended to all good christians, when they do not go to communion, to make daily a spiritual communion by saying the following prayer.

MOST loving Jesus, I adore thee with a lively Faith, who art present in this Sacrament by virtue of thy infinite power, wisdom and goodness. But conscious of my infirmities and my Sins, I dare not now receive thee Sacramentally. All my hope is in thee: I love thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me; and therefore I desire to receive thee now spiritually: come therefore, O Lord, to me in Spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me that am hungry; comfort me that am weak; enliven and sanctify me by the merits of thy sacred Body and Blood: deliver me from all Sin, and make me always obedient to thy commands; and let me never be separated from thee, my Saviour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest one God for ever. Amen.

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